IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. : 10/625,097 Confirmation No. 8768

Applicant: : Brian Teixeira
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Examiner: : Koi H. Tran

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of April 4, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Applicants hereby Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response for three (3) months from July 4, 2006 through October 4, 2006. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the amount of \$1020.00 to Deposit Account No. 502-665.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR §1.16(j) or 37 CFR 1.136(a) which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 502-665 in the name of GE Healthcare, Inc.

 $\label{lem:Amendments} \textbf{Amendments to the Claims} \text{ are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.}$

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